

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, the disclosure was objected to because of the designation of a particular figure in the Abstract. In response, a new abstract is herewith presented in which the figure reference has been deleted, and other informalities have been corrected.

Claims 1 and 8-9 are presently allowed, while claims 2-5 are objected to because of the noted informalities and claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. On the merits, claims 10-20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Norihiro, for the reasons of record.

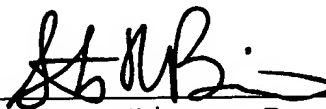
In response, claims 2-5 are herewith amended in order to correct the noted informalities relating to enclosing essential subject matter within parenthesis. Additionally, the dependency of claim 5 has been amended in order to provide a proper antecedent basis for the recitation of "the reservoir". In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5 are now in proper form and fully comply with the requirements of Section 112.

With regard to the rejection of claims 10-20 as being anticipated by Norihiro, claim 10 is herewith amended in order to

more clearly and precisely recite that the channel is open to the cavity as well as allowing pressure inside the cavity to escape into the channel during manufacture of the device. It is respectfully submitted that adding this additional limitation to claim 10 renders the claim clearly patentable over Norihiro, because the structure shown in Norihiro neither shows nor suggests having the channel open to the cavity. Furthermore, it is noted that claim 10, as herein amended, now incorporates the foregoing patentable feature of allowable claim 1 and is therefore likewise allowable, as are claims 11-20, which depend either directly or indirectly from amended independent claim 10.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that allowance of the instant application is now fully justified, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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